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SILVER JUBILEE BEEHIVE AWARDS

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Irene Burnham, Berkeley Bee Keeper; Mrs. Ina Stauffer, Stake Bee Keeper, Mrs. Efcy Moosman, Berkeley Bee Keeper; Julia Caine.

Back two rows: Mrs. Jean Reid, Berkeley Bee Keeper; Alice Mae Allen, Mary Watkinson, Joy Moosman, Merrilyn Harmon, Barbara Stock, Dawna Ericksen, Jean Stauffer, Rose Mary Dunham, Marilyn Ream, Mary Lou Coombs. Absent: Gloria Byrne, Annette Call.

The meritorious distinction of winning awards conferred for the first time and never to be conferred again, fell to two Beehive girls of Elmhurst and nine Beehive girls from Berkeley, January 24. The year 1940 was the twenty-fifth year, the silver jubilee, of the Beehive movement in the Church. Special and fitting activities throughout that year were conducted all over the Church, and girls who participated earned special recognition which can never again be conferred.

President Marie T. Lindsay presided over the ceremony, which was conducted by Stake Beekeeper Inez Stauffer. The awards, a silver beehive with the lettering "Silver Jubilee," were presented to the girls by Sister Marie Thomas of the M.I.A. General Board. Musical numbers were furnished by the Beehive girls of Berkeley ward, and short talks were given by some of those who were to receive the award. Following the ceremony the meeting adjourned to the east patio of the church, where a tree was planted and dedicated by President W. Glenn Harmon in memory of the occasion.

Recipients of the award were Barbara Stock and Jeanne Stauffer of Elmhurst ward, and Mary Watkinson, Alice-Mae Allen, Gloria Byrne, Rose Mary Dunham, Joy Mooseman, Mary Lou Coombs, Dawna Ericksen, Merrilyn Harmon and Julia Caine, all of Berkeley.

CALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE

During the past month two members of the Oakland Stake, who are Reserve Officers in the U. S. Army, have been called to active service.

Capt. Jos. E. Wood

Joseph Earl Wood of the Claremont ward has been commissioned a Captain in the Engineering Corps and called to Fort Belvior, Virginia. Boyd C. Smith of Oakland ward has been commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Artillery and called to Camp Roberts, Texas.

Captain Wood has lived in the Bay Area since 1928 and has been active in Church work from the first. He was scout master of Berkeley Ward, a counselor on the Stake Genealogical Committee and at the time of his call to service was chairman of the Aaronic Priesthood Committee of the Claremont Ward. For several years he was a president in the 247th Quorum of Seventy. His wife, Lenore Cannon Wood, is well known for her work on the Sunday School Stake Board and as president of the Claremont Ward Relief Society.

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JOHN GUSTAF LARSON

John Gustaf Larson, prominent Oaklander and an official of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, passed away at the Veterans' Hospital at Palo Alto on December 10. For three years he has been in failing health.

Elder Larson was born in Salt Lake City, December 15, 1886, and had spent most of his life in the bay area except for the time spent in the United States army during the first World War. He was active in church affairs throughout his residence here, taking a prominent part in the organization of the M.I.A. both before and after the creation of San Francisco Stake. For a long period he served as chairman of the activity committee, having charge of social functions. He was one of the originators of the annual M.I.A. trek to Stinson Beach over the Labor Day holiday. This hike, beginning by ferry from Oakland and San Francisco to Sausalito, thence by train to Mill Valley, thence by foot over hill and dale to the beach, occurred every year for over ten years. Elder Larson arranged for sleeping and cooking accommodations for crowds varying from twenty-five to nearly two hundred. Open air services were always held on Sundays, with an appropriate bonfire program Sunday evening.

Interment of Elder Larson was in Los Angeles, where funeral services were held December 16. Oakland Stake was represented by former President W. Aird Macdonald. Surviving the deceased are one brother, Rudger C. Larson of Salt Lake City, and four sisters, Mrs. James Brooke McCarty of Los Angeles, Mrs. A. O. Johnsen of Logan, Mrs. R. R. Hackett of Vernal, and Mrs. Standly Ferguson of Sandy.

UTAH GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE

In accordance with the plan to simplify church activities and in view of the modified responsibilities of Temple and Genealogical Activities committees, the Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine will not be published this year.

Instead, instructions and articles necessary for genealogical and temple work will be printed in the Improvement Era. Lesson outlines and teacher's helps for Sunday School Genealogical Training Class will continue to be published in The Instructor.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, February 7—Elmhurst entertains.
Tuesday, February 11—Stake Scout-Explorer party.
Friday, February 14 — Stake M-Men-Gleaners dinner-dance, Elmhurst.
Friday, February 21—Stake Scout-Beehive party.
Saturday-Sunday, February 22-23—Regular Quarterly Conference.
Friday, February 28—Dimond entertains;
Friday, March 14—Stake Green and Gold Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium.

NOTICE TO TEMPLE VISITORS

Hereafter recommends will be good for only one-half year, those issued before July 1, 1941, expiring then, and those issued before January 1, 1942, expiring then. They will be issued in triplicate, one to be kept by the local authority, one to be mailed by the Stake president direct to the temple concerned, and one to be taken by the applicant as his identification.

It is imperative that anyone desiring to visit a temple shall make application to his bishop at least ten days, and if possible, two weeks before it is planned to use a recommend. Since both the bishop and Stake president must be contacted it will take at least that much time in order to complete formalities and allow time for transmittal by mail of the one copy required to be sent direct to the temple. No one will be admitted unless this copy has been received.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 22-23

The first quarterly conference for the year 1941 will convene Saturday evening, February 22, in a Stake priesthood meeting, and continued through Sunday, February 23. A luncheon will be served between sessions on Sunday by the Relief Society. The final meeting will be Sunday evening under the auspices of the M.I.A., for which an especially fine program is already under way.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY, 1941

FASTING AND OFFERINGS

At a recent general conference, Elder George F. Richards, of the Council of the Twelve, presented the following: "Fasting and offerings have been associated closely always. I will read to you a few words from Isaiah on this subject. He goes on to tell that the people's fasting was not acceptable and tells why. Then he says:

" 'Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

" 'Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

" 'Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteous shall go before thee: the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

" 'Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am.'

"The offerings, according to Isaiah, are naturally a part of the fast, and help to make the fast acceptable to the Lord. We ought to get that fixed in our minds.

"Tithes, offerings, and fasting—a restoration in these days. What does it mean? In the early rise of this Church there was established, as a restoration, this principle of fasting and giving offerings for the poor. One day each month was set apart. The members of the Church were asked to abstain from eating two meals of the three which they are accustomed to having, and to give the value of what they would save by the fast, for the support of the poor. **If we have observed this fully and faithfully, brethren and sisters, there would have been ample in the Church from that fund alone, to take care of all who are in need of assistance."**

Every Latter-day Saint family should resolve to observe the fast, and pay offerings regularly.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

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Vallejo: Eugene Hilton.

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

Elsewhere in this issue is a call for help for four of our wards whose building programs are well launched. We earnestly urge you, one and all, to heed this call.

We have within our Stake eleven wards and two branches. Of these, six are housed in their own fine chapels. Until the other seven are also in their own homes, and until we have an adequate Stake center, we cannot rest.

There is a tendency on the part of some of us, fortunate to live in wards well housed, to forget the problem of others. "Out of sight, out of mind" is an apothegem all too true in human affairs. But we need only to suggest a visit to one of the wards less fortunate than yours to bring home to you with potent force the difficulty of worship and spiritual development in a place intended and used for other purposes. And we need, we are sure, but to remind you afresh that we are our brothers' keepers, and that this is a Stake-wide program, not a ward program.

Not one of the six beautiful chapels now standing in Oakland Stake but has been the result of the labor and sacrifice of people from all over the Stake. Indeed, we may safely say that if contributions from outside the respective wards had not been forthcoming, the difficulties of building and paying for these chapels would have been almost immeasurably greater if not insuperable.

It is now time for us to realize these facts and to put our shoulders to the wheel with renewed vigor. Not until our physical plants throughout this part of the vineyard are more nearly adequate can we hope to realize the full spiritual uplift and growth that is in store for us. There are some who can take pride in the fact that they have a substantial contribution in every one of the six chapels now standing here. It is our earnest hope and prayer that the spirit of sacrifice thus manifested will actuate far, far more of our number. This will the burden be made incredibly easy for all.

Faithfully your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLENN HARMON,
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

PILGRIMAGE TO ARIZONA TEMPLE

Oakland Stake is looking forward to an unusual excursion to the temple this year. A few months ago, 15 girls of the Berkeley junior genealogy class decided that they wanted to go to the temple and began immediately to earn the necessary funds for the trip. They have done housework, tended babies, typed, kept books, in short, have done anything within their capabilities to obtain the amount required. It is hoped that adults of our Stake will be inspired by the very earnest efforts these girls are making and that they will likewise make an effort to go to the temple and partake of the rich experiences that such an excursion brings.

All of those planning to go are urged to begin preparation now by sending in temple sheets and having them checked, obtaining temple recommends, and by notifying the ward genealogy chairman, or Bro. Larsen or Bro. Southgate of their intention so that proper arrangements may be made.

The excursion is planned for the Easter vacation (April 6th to 13th). The cost of the round-trip railroad ticket will be $18.95 with a 20-day return limit.

CALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE

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Captain Wood has had an equally long service as a reserve officer of the United States Army. He was graduated from the University of Utah in 1928 as Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery. Soon afterward he was transferred to the Engineering Corps with commission of First Lieutenant. He has taken short periods of active duty nearly every year and at one time was called to active duty at the C.C.C. camp at Lone Pine, California, for seven months. In March of 1940 he was one of two officers from the Ninth Corps area sent to Fort Belvior, Virginia, for intensive training. He was commissioned a Captain Dec. 31, 1940.

He will be stationed at Fort Belvior for five weeks training, after which time he will receive his permanent assignment.

Lieutenant Smith also received his commission from the University of Utah R.O.T.C. He was graduated in 1936 with the rank of Lieutenant of Artillery. He has had short periods of active duty but none in the last three years. His temporary assignment is at Camp Roberts, Paso Robles, Texas, where he will be stationed for at least three months.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Smith are well known in the younger set of the Bay Area. He has been employed by the P. G. and E. in the accounting department. Mrs. Smith, who was the former Irma Lloyd, has taught at University High School. She was also first counselor to Mrs. Mary Dunham in the Stake Mutual Improvement Association.

The Preparedness Program is making other changes in our Stake. Some of the wards and branches near naval and military camps have increased sharply in membership and consequently in enthusiasm.

Several of the boys of the Stake have joined either the army or navy recently. Word came to us in the past few days that Melvin Ward Morris of Richmond has been named "Period of Training Honor Man" at the naval training station at San Diego. This is an honor of which to be justly proud. Honor man is chosen on a many-point program, because of his industry, his attention to duty, his initiative and his ability to profit from training and his outstanding personal appearance. Young Morris' commanding officer, L. B. Schulten, wrote a commendatory letter to the press of Richmond stating that he had achieved an honor of which the entire community might well be proud.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD JAMBOREE

Some one hundred ten boys of the Aaronic Priesthood enjoyed to the fullest the six-month jamboree held at the Elmhurst chapel the evening of January 24. Highlight of the evening was the awarding of the beautiful silver cup, the gift of Messrs. Klaas & Mehrkins, jewelers, of Oakland, for the ward having the highest average number of points per boy, and of the special book prize, "Pioneer Stories," to the quorum having the highest number of points per boy. The cup was won by the Aaronic Priesthood quorum of Claremont ward, and the book by the deacons' quorum of Elmhurst ward. The cup is awarded every six months, the ward to win it for the fourth time will retain permanent possession. Vallejo ward won it for the preceding six months.

A fine musical program was rendered by the boys—Bud Stone a saxophone solo, and Rodlyn Jensen a violin solo, both being accompanied by Reed Stone. Victor C. Lindblad of the Berkeley-Contra Costa Boy Scout Council, gave an inspiring address, and the awards were made by President Hilton. Following these a quiz in the modern manner was conducted with some cash awards for the proper answers, and the evening ended with games and refreshments.

ANOTHER LIVING TESTIMONY

The personal testimonies that came to those who gave their all for the gospel and who thereafter lived lives of sacrifice and devotion that put the stamp of absolute conviction upon those testimonies, are too priceless to lose, and so precious they must be shared.

THE MESSENGER is once again indebted to Elder Charles W. Rogers of Elmhurst ward with whom the collection of such testimonies is a hobby. This time it is the story of Elder John Zwahlen, a missionary companion of Elder Rogers in Switzerland and Germany in 1895-7. Just a few months ago, while on his way to conference in Oakland, Elder Rogers quite accidentally learned that Elder Zwahlen was the grandfather of Violet Behunin Smith, wife of Elder Glenn E. Smith, Elmhurst ward clerk. Thus the story of the conversion of Elder Zwahlen takes on an even more personal interest for many members of our Stake.

The story as taken from Elder Rogers' file is much too long to be reprinted in full. But the highlights are given below in the hope that they may serve as inspiration to others in this later time.

Born in 1851 in Switzerland, when John Zwahlen was 18 months old, he was given by his parents to a childless aunt, who reared him until he was 15. He then went out on his own, but, as he says, was thrown among some very worldly people. He went to France to learn the shoemaker's trade, and began to live a rather dissolute life, believing in nothing of a religious nature. Beer and cards were far more important to him than religion, and though he felt himself going backward instead of forward, he had no strength or ambition to change.

He began working with a man who knew something of the Mormons, but who said nothing to him at first concerning this. When young Zwahlen one day expressed the rather idle wish to go to America, this man suggested they attend a Mormon meeting and learn something of this western world. They went, and young Zwahlen for the first time heard with understanding ears the doctrine of faith, repentance and baptism. He drank it up. It was new and amazing, and the story that God had once more revealed himself was even more new and amazing. But as he followed the speaker with rapt attention, a powerful inspiration went through him like a brilliant light. It seemed that it was not so new after all, that he had known these things all the time, and the longer the missionary spoke the more familiar and home-like the doctrine sounded to him. Thus, at his first hearing in this life, came a firm and everlasting testimony which changed his whole life. This was in 1873, after his return to Switzerland from France. Cold though it was (in February), he asked for baptism that night, but was advised to wait and pray and prepare himself more fully.

Baptism followed three weeks later. Then followed the desire to migrate to the new world. About a year later Zwahlen and another young man conceived the plan of traveling as far as their money would take them, then stopping and working for an additional stake, then going on. But the missionary who had first taught him, discouraged the idea, pointing out that they were young and inexperienced, they might easily fall into bad company and bad habits again if they got discouraged. This made them feel quite badly, for the plan had given them great hope. Seeing their long faces the missionary told them not to be down hearted, and promised them that in a short time both of them would be in Zion.

Just a month later, Zwahlen was instrumental in converting another young man who had come to work at the same place, and a short time later this young man said to him, "Brother John, you have been a wonderful blessing to me. . . . Now perhaps I can be a blessing to you. There is about $2000 in the bank for me from my father's estate which I can draw out next spring when I am 21. I understand you want to go to Zion. I want to go myself, so when I get the money I will pay in full for your emigration if you will go with me." Here was the fulfillment of promise coming so unexpectedly as to render Zwahlen temporarily speechless. Nor was that all. Since becoming a member of the church he had begun keeping company with a young lady also a faithful member. This good Samaritan offered to pay her way also. As a result, these three traveled to Utah the following spring, where the young lady was married to Elder Zwahlen.

The marriage took place in Richfield, where they had been sent, with others, to colonize. The bride's parents, who had also migrated, were filling a mission to a near-by Indian colony in Grass Valley. These people lived a true pioneering existence in cellars and dugouts among semi-hostile savage tribes with only the crudest of household furnishings. The newly arrived immigrants were even worse off than those who had preceded them. But they faced the hardships unflinchingly, and it did not disturb their faith. The Zwahlens lived in a dugout for over a year, and there a daughter was born, destined to become the mother of Violet Behunian Smith.

In 1878 a son was born, and the mother became extremely ill. There was no medical attention available; she was delirious for most of six weeks, and her husband gave up hope for her recovery. Two elders were sent by the bishop to administer to her. When they came out one of them spoke to Zwahlen, who had not had the courage to go into the sickbed with them. He said, "You must not cry, for your wife will not die now." Zwahlen did not believe him, so he repeated the promise: "You don't need to doubt me, for I tell you in the name of Jesus Christ that your wife will live for many years . . . she has a long and big mission to perform in this life."

She recovered; they moved to Manti to work on the Temple there under construction. While there they scrimped and saved all they could, got an outfit together and moved to St. George in order to do temple work in the Temple there completed. After living in St. George for a while, they began saving again to move into Castle Valley in Emery County. On arrival they settled in Ferron, which became their permanent home. Thus Grandmother Zwahlen lived to fulfill her mission. She helped to build up two homes under most primitive conditions; she became the mother of eight children all told; she reared and educated them, all the while she was giving service for some forty years as a member, teacher and officer in the Relief Society, oldest woman's organization in the world; and on top of it all she kept the family together and helped her husband and

A CALL FOR HELP

This request for assistance in a special cause comes to you from your Stake Presidency.

Four small wards in the Oakland Stake are now struggling to finance the construction of chapels. They are: Alameda, membership 271; Claremont, membership 373; Hayward, membership 323, and Maxwell Park, membership 337.

The members of these wards have been working, some of them for years, to obtain a proper place in which to meet.

This appeal is sent to you in the belief that many members and friends would be willing to help by making a contribution to one or all of these wards.

The present need is for cash to help the wards raise their half of the cost. Opportunity to donate labor will be given at a later time.

A record of each donor will be preserved and encased in the cornerstone of each ward chapel. Let us make the list a long one. Our fellow members in these wards need our help now.

Please fill in the following blanks and mail it with your contribution to Eugene Hilton, President, Oakland Stake, 3918 Everett Ave., Oakland.

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three sons to fill missions, the four of them giving nearly ten years to the work. In between she and her husband found the time to repeatedly visit the temples to do work for their departed kindred. They have traced their family records back to the twelfth century, and much of the temple work is now done.

Elder Zwahlen and his good wife have now gone to the great beyond, but they have left their living testimony in the lives they lived and the work they accomplished. Of such as these is it truly said, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

M-MEN BASKETBALL

Oakland Stake M-Men basketball is nearing the three-quarter mark in one of the most successful and well balanced league races seen in our Stake. Claremont at present is undefeated in five starts, closely followed by Maxwell Park, Berkeley and Oakland with four wins, one loss each.

M-MEN-GLEANERS GIRLS BANQUET

The annual M-Men-Gleaner Girl Banquet will be held Friday, Feb. 14th—Valentine's day. Elmhurst's new social hall has been chosen for the occasion.

It will be an informal affair featuring a turkey dinner and dance music by Bob Hansen's well-known orchestra. An interesting dinner program has been promised.

Transportation will be arranged for the Gleaner Girls who have no way of reaching Elmhurst Ward. The party is stag; bids will be one dollar per person.

Bids can be obtained from Ward M-Men-Gleaner Girl officers. All bids must be purchased in advance.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

With the coming of the New Year, Elmhurst had what amounted to practically a complete reorganization of the Sunday School, Y.M.M.I.A., and Relief Society. Sister La Rilda Holder, who has served so faithfully and long as president of the Relief Society, was released, together with her counselor, Violet Smith. Sister Inez McFarlane was sustained as president, Daisy Cox as first, and Helen Anderson as second counselor in the Relief Society. Charles Stamps and Pete Brown, who have been the backbone of the Y.M.M.I.A. for several years, were released. Albert H. Elmer was sustained as president in place of Bro. Stamps, and Freeland E. Jensen as his first counselor. Robert Brummet was sustained as chorister of the M.I.A. and Charles Stamps has taken over the work of Junior M-Men leader, while Earl Wells was sustained as secretary. A. Gifford Jackson and Clyde Brush took the place of Merlin W. Stoker and Vao Chaney as superintendent and first assistant in the Sunday School, and Ruth Schader was sustained as secretary. Bros. Stoker and Chaney will continue with the Sunday School in the capacity of teachers.

The Aaronic Priesthood also came in for a little reorganization. Bro. James Fishburn is now Aaronic Priesthood supervisor, in place of Albert H. Elmer, who was called to work in the M.I.A. And as Milton Wells, the president of the Deacon's Quorum, was recently ordained a Teacher, Jimmie McFarlane has been made president of that quorum, with Gerald Smith and Don Wells as counselors, and Ronald Jensen as secretary.

At the regular baptismal services for the month of January there were two adults and one child baptised. The adults were Vivian Ida Cox and Herbert Marsh, Sr.; the child was Lillian Rose Crosby. There was one baby, Vivian Jean Cox, blessed.

Shirley May Nethercott recently underwent a very serious operation for acute appendicitis. Shirley May is the daughter of Mrs. Eva Nethercott.

A luncheon was given by the ladies of the Elmhurst Relief Society on Wednesday afternoon, January 29, in honor of their retiring president and her counselor, La Rilda Holder, and Violet Smith. Following the luncheon, there was an interesting program and the guests of honor were each presented with a small token of appreciation for their wonderful work in the organization. Sister Holder and Sister Smith were both greatly loved by the sisters, and they promise us that they will still be with us, although not in an officiating capacity.

The M-Men and Gleaner Girls have been busy lately raising money for their banquet, which is coming up. They put on several candy sales at M.I.A., which were well patronized, and they also recently sponsored a roller skating party, which was lots of fun, and from which they received a rebate on every ticket sold. The M-Men and Gleaner Girls of Maxwell Park joined with them in the latter event.

The ward has purchased 300 new seats, which are being placed in the new classrooms and in the recreational hall. We are glad to see the work on our new furnishings thus begun. The seats were purchased at Treasure Island and the men of the ward have been working faithfully and hard getting them here and installed.

The Junior Girls and M-Men in the M.I.A. are planning a party for early in February. It will consist of a scavenger hunt, after which they will return to the Recreation Hall for refreshments and dancing.

We have two new committeemen for our Boy Scout Troop, who will take the place of Bro. Morris, who has moved away, and Bro. Hunter, who has resigned. They are Theodore Mudge and Clifton Sterrett.

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OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

Mrs. Ruth Reed of Eugene, Oregon, is a visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bergman.

Virgil and Edna Owen are the proud parents of a baby girl, born January 12, 1941.

The members of the Relief Society were happy to have President Anna Ellsworth and Mrs Naomi Groom as visitors at their Work and Business meeting held January 16. Several beautiful vocal numbers were given by Mrs. Groom.

A Carnival Dance was held in the Oakland Ward Friday evening, January 17. In addition to the splendid music furnished by Bill Rice's Orchestra, those who attended had an interesting evening of entertainment at the different booths sponsored by the various organizations of the ward.

The regular monthly Primary meeting and social was held at the home of President Irene Ranker Wednesday evening, January 22. At this time, the Spring Conference, to be held April 27, was planned.

At the Family Relations class, to be held Monday evening, February 3, at the home of Edna Doxey, a representative from Jackson's will be present to give a talk on interior decorating.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

On November 17, a birthday party was held at the home of Daryl Dangerfield in honor of Reed Harker, retiring president of the Deacon's Quorum. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Jessie Wickman. At Sunday School, Reed was presented with a pen and pencil set for his untiring work for the Deacon's Quorum.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burdette are the proud grandparents of a baby boy, born to their daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Bud Compton, and named George Richard.

A second son, Dennis Karl, was born to Karl and Faye Braumley at the L.D.S. Hospital in Salt Lake City on November 8, 1940.

Maureen and Stanley Carr are receiving congratulations on the birth of their third child, a daughter, born December 8. Present at her christening on January 5, besides her father, who blessed her, were her grandfather and two uncles.

Clara Gleason was welcomed back to Church after her long illness. Mrs. Gleason went to Washington because of the serious illness of her granddaughter, Bobbie Lee. While there, she became ill, but attempted to return home and developed pneumonia.

The assembly program at Mutual, January 21, was especially interesting. Joyce Kingsford of the Oakland Ward gave three readings, "Lady and the Little Boy," "Fly in Church," and "Betty at the Baseball Game." Clark Hughes of Berkeley Ward sang two numbers, "At Tankertown Inn" and "Just a-Wearying for You."

Joe Wood was given a farewell party January 7. A large cake with an American Flag was a feature of the refreshments. He left for Virginia January 22.

At the December 6 Sacrament meeting, High Councilman Lindblad was the speaker. His subject was the "Teachings of Christ." Music was furnished by the Stone boys of Berkeley Ward.

Sunday, January 19, the M-Men and Gleaner Girls of Claremont Ward started a series of Fireside Chats at the home of Gleaner President Norma Lowry. Twenty-five attended. The discussion was led by Dave Bickmore.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

On Dec. 29, the Third Annual Song Service was given by the Ward Choir under the direction of Seth Lloyd. Karleton Driggs was at the organ; Hazel Driggs as soloist, Maxine Thomas as reader, and George E. Southgate as speaker. The choir is to be complimented for such an inspirational service and we look forward to more in the near future.

The farewell testimonial for Miss Zola Hardisty on January 3 was a successful affair. A program consisting of three numbers by the Mormon Male Chorus; soprano solo, Mrs. Charlotte Cummings; organ and piano duet, Marjorie Cummings and Anita Magneson; remarks by Miss Hardisty, her father, Ralph Hardisty, George Southgate and Bishop Farr. Dancing and refreshments followed in the amusement hall. Miss Hardisty left the next morning for Salt Lake City, taking with her all our best wishes for her success.

We enjoyed visits at Sunday School recently from Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson and son, Basil, former residents and active ward members. Weston Taylor, who was active while a student here and now makes his home with Mrs. Taylor and small daughter in Salt Lake City. Mrs. Norman Faldo, sister of Lavon Eyring, Mrs. Allen, mother of Denzil, and Mrs. Ballard, mother of Mrs. Tolman.

The Twilight Musical on January 12, under the direction of Orthella Hughes, was a delightful hour. Appearing on the program in group numbers were: Violinist, Francelle Evans Larson, Mildred Cardwell Carr, accompanist; vocalist, William Milward, Lucile Blake, accompanist; pianist, Mildred Cardwell Carr; organ solos by Spencer Taggart and Mrs. Blake.

At the evening service, Wendell Jackson, recently returned missionary from Dimond ward, was the speaker. Special music by the choir and a chorus by the Junior Genealogy Girls under the direction of Lavon Johnson.

Jay Beck, who recently received his Ph.D. from the University of California, gave a most interesting talk on the "Months of the Year" in Sunday School. Miss Nellie May Kest of Dimond sang a solo, diplaying a true, sweet voice.

On Sunday, January 19, Mr. L. Jukes was sustained second assistant superintendent of Sunday School. Reed Stone played two piano solos by Bach.

The speakers at the evening service were O. Leslie Stone, who chose as his subject "The Living Christ," and R. Kendall Thomas, whose subject was "Does the Church Have a Place in the Community?" A vocal duet by Mrs. Hughes and Bishop Farr, an anthem and a special number by the choir, with LaVarn Thomas as soloist, completed the program.

The officers and teachers of the Primary gave a farewell party at the home of Thelma Gardner for their president, Lyle Coombs, who with Mr. Coombs and the children, are leaving Berkeley to make their home in Fresno. We are sorry to lose the Coombs family. Both Mary Lou and Jeannine are talented and willing to take part in their organization programs. Mrs. Coombs and Clyde. Jr. will be missed in Primary. Our best wishes for their happiness in the new home.

Lambda Delta Sigma held election of officers for the next term on Sunday evening. President, Reed Stone; Vice-President, Jack Smith; Secretary, Shirley Plummer; Program Chairman, Janice Rock; Discussion Chairman, Mary Stout; Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert Pinney.

January 31, Berkeley M.I.A. will be hosts at a dancing party. Many unusual and interesting numbers are being planned.

Isabel Banning Scharff and small son from Canada are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Banning.

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DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

John and Madge Morgan are rejoicing over their first little daughter, Karen Madge, who arrived on January 15.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met at the home of Ruth S. Hilton on January 2, where the holiday spirit still prevailed.

Delbert and Mrs. Wright and their son, Bob, left January 25, to spend ten days in Ogden, Utah.

Twenty young friends of Ted and Marjorie Mudge surprised them with a housewarming at their new home, Saturday evening, January 25.

Honoring her mother, Vilate Pearce, on her seventy-first birthday, Mildred Morgan entertained ten of her friends at a luncheon on Monday, January 20.

The regular monthly meeting of the Primary officers and teachers, held at the home of Ruth Pingree, January 9, was turned into a surprise stork shower for one of the new members of their group, Irene Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lau of Soda Springs, Idaho, arrived in Oakland, January 24, to spend a month with their daughter, Winnifred Phelps, and family.

Mrs. Thurza Boyle left for her mother's home in Arizona, Monday, January 27, where she plans to spend much of her time in Temple work.

The Abigail Jane Dailey camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met, January 30, at the home of Mildred Morgan.

At Mutual, Tuesday evening, January 21, the Beehive Girls, under the direction of Vera Weindorf, gave a charming play, "Honest Peggy."

Under their new coach, Gene Johnson, the Dimond basketball team is making a splendid showing.

Minnie Hansen entertained a group of her friends Monday, January 20, in honor of her birthday.

Relief Society President Ruth Shurtleff has been made Stake Sewing Supervisor to help further the Welfare Program.

MAXWELL PARK WARD

Services Held in Masonic Hall, Corner Foothill Boulevard and Mason Street

The Relief Society has been having an unusually good attendance recently and is planing another bazaar for the near future.

The M-Men and Gleaner Girls of the ward held an ice skating party on January 17. The Fireside Club were special guests.

Two marriages were announced to members of the ward during the past month. At a party given by Mrs. Alice Cragun, January 15, Ben Cragun announced his marriage to Jane Ericsson in Reno on January 4. Laurine Marchant was married to Ed White of San Francisco on January 19. The latter young couple will make their home in San Francisco.

At the regular ward Sacrament meeting on January, 19 the speakers were Elder Tolman of Berkeley and Elder Don J. Allphin of Maxwell Park, both members of the Oakland Stake High Council. The choir sang "Let Thy Merciful Ear" as a special number. The meeting was especially good.

Mrs. Martha Minor is spending the winter with her mother in Utah. Mrs. Sarah Rowe, of Idaho, mother of De Los Rowe, Alice Cragun and Priscilla Anderson, is spending the winter in Oakland.

Gail Cragun, a former Maxwell Park athlete, has made the honor roll at the University of Utah. Had he been a resident of Utah, this would have meant a scholarship.

Edith Booth sang recently at the Blind Home in Oakland.

The new Genealogical class of the Sunday School was begun in Maxwell Park on January 19 with Elder Hayward Baker as teacher.

Due to work interfering, Second Counselor Marjorie Paine and Beginners Teacher Edith Booth of the primary have been released.

Elder Brossard is confined to his home with illness. The ward wishes him a speedy recovery.

NAPA BRANCH

Services Held at Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Brown and Clay Streets

Owing to the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Pope, who were called away on account of Mr Pope's business, it has been necessary to release them from their offices here. Mr. Pope has been second counselor in the branch presidency since the Napa Branch was organized. Mrs. Pope has assisted with her music in all branch organizations. Both will be greatly missed in Napa by their many friends and associates.

Mr. Monroe Thomas has been chosen by President Murdock to act as second counselor in the branch presidency, filling the vacancy left by Mr. Pope.

A farewell party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pope at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Thomas, 1505 G street, Napa. The party was in the nature of a surprise, the Popes having been invited to spend the evening at the Thomas home and bring something "to eat." On arriving, they found the large living room filled with friends. The evening was spent in playing games and telling stories mostly at Mr. Pope's expense. A delicious buffet luncheon was served by Mrs. Thomas.

Open house was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, 1506 B street, Friday evening. January 17. The event was a party for the younger groups in M.I.A. A treasure hunt, games and sleight-of-hand tricks afforded much fun for all. Special guests were the branch presidency, their wives and the Mutual board. Refreshments of jell-o, ice cream and cakes were served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Price.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

The Primary Teachers training meeting and party was held, December 5, at Thelma Thon's, Elsie Taylor conducting. The topics were "Essentials on Prayer" and "Why Do We Teach?" A lunch was served with Christmas decorations. There were 13 present.

On the evening of December 11, the Relief Society held its annual Christmas party and bazaar, which was a most successful affair. It being the birthday of our Past President, Katheryn Christensen, and our newest convert, Alma Dow, it was held in the form of a birthday party, with a lovely, large cake.

Welfare work was displayed by Aner Shurtleff and Maude Warner.

The novelty booth, under the direction of Helen Shurtleff and Bertha Stoker, sold many lovely little items suitable for Christmas gifts.

Sister Ellsworth and Sister Hilton, Relief Society Stake officers from Oakland, were in attendance.

After a delightful program, refreshments were served under the chairmanship of Ruth E. Cheshire.

Sunday morning, December 22, the Sunday School presented its Christmas program. Under the direction of Florene Williams and Helen Shurtleff, the Junior Sunday School classes presented "The Birth of the Christ Child," in song and story.

Sunday evening, December 22, the Vallejo Ward Choral presented a Christmas Cantata entitled "His Star," directed and conducted by Clarence C. Lewis, with Theodora Johnson at the organ.

At this meeting also, the ward was presented with three lovely Christmas gifts, which were: An organ, which was donated by J. Myron Telford and Clarence C. Lewis; an electric clock, donated by Bishop and Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire, and a lovely door mat anonymously donated.

Monday evening, December 23, the Sunday School and Primary jointly entertained the children of the ward at a delightful Christmas party. An interesting program was given, after which Santa appeared, and distributed candy, fruit and a small gift to each child.

Sunday, December 29, Patriarch Ball spent the day in Vallejo. In the afternoon, he gave several Patriarchal Blessings, and was the speaker at the Sacrament services.

After the Sacrament services, the Vallejo Ward Choral persented a repetition of its Christmas Cantata at the Baptist Church.

The Mutual held a barn dance Saturday, January 18, at which time the Boy Scouts sold pies to create a fund to buy equipment for their summer camp.

The Relief Society held its Visiting Teachers training meeting at the home of Elizabeth Brown, Friday evening, January 10. Delicious refreshments were served following the meeting.

Stake High Council members from Oakland were speakers at a very inspirational meeting. January 19. These Stake members were Brother Mayhew and Brother Southgate, and they were accompanied to Vallejo by their wives, Sister Mayhew and Sister Southgate.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Androgn, a daughter. Vallejo.
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Compton, a son, George Richard. Claremont.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Braumley, a son, Dennis Carl. Claremont.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Carr, a daughter, Vivian. Claremont.

BLESSINGS:
Vivian Carr, January 5. Claremont.
Vivian Jean Cox, January 5, Elmhurst.
David Reed Johnson, January 5. Oakland.
David Reed Shea, January 5. Oakland.
Richard Dean Naylor, January 5. Oakland.

BAPTISMS:
Dorthene Beck, Berkeley ward.
Robert Jeffries, Napa.
Vera Jean Brasher, Napa.
Herbert Marsh, Elmhurst.
Vivian Ida Cox, Elmhurst.
Lillian Rose Crosby, Elmhurst.
Alice Sarah Kelly Tidwell, Oakland.

ORDINATIONS:
Milton Wells, Teacher, Elmhurst.

MARRIAGES:
Blendon Nelson and Valeska Bianchi, Vallejo.
Ben Cragun and Jane Ericsson, Maxwell Park.
Ed White and Laurine Marchant, Maxwell Park.

DEATHS:
Allan Groomer Larsen, January 7, 1941, Vallejo.
John G. Larsen, December 10, 1940, at Palo Alto.

ORDINATIONS:
Don Cherrington, Elder.
Phyl Hilton, Elder.
Neil Christensen, Elder.
Darrow McCarthy, Elder.
Lewis W. Shurtleff, Elder.
Dennis Lauper, Seventy.
Roy Weindorf, Seventy.
Walter Hall, Seventy.

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